REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the time taken by the Examiner to review Applicant's present application. This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed February 6, 2008. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 49, 51-52, 56-59, 65 and 69-70 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0105770 ("MacLeod") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0208387 ("VanDusen").

First and foremost, arguments submitted in the previous Replies filed July 30, 2007 and October 15, 2007 remain pertinent, particularly with regard to the cited MacLeod reference, and are therefore expressly incorporated herein by reference. Claim 49 recites:

A method for integrating legacy data into a content management system, comprising:

analyzing a set of legacy data residing in a legacy repository external to said content management system;

generating a set of content types to represent the set of legacy data based on the analysis of the legacy data, wherein one of the content types comprises a policy annotation, the policy annotation comprising management information including a workflow corresponding to the content type;

saving the set of content types in a memory;

generating a set of content type objects corresponding to the set of content types;

generating a set of content instance objects from the content type objects;

associating each of the set of legacy data with at least one of the content instance objects, wherein at least one of the content instance objects is associated with two or more datum of the set of legacy data, each of the datum residing in a distinct data storage; and

managing the set of legacy data using the content instance objects, wherein the two or more datum are managed as a single entity using the at least one content instance object.

Thus, embodiments of claim 49 are drawn to a method for managing legacy data residing in a legacy repository external to a content management system utilizing the content management system without moving the data from the legacy repository or changing the structure of the data. *See* Specification, paragraph 0027. To effectuate the management of legacy data

residing in a legacy repository external to the content management system, content types representing the legacy data are created and are utilized to generate content type objects which are associated with datum of the legacy data. The content type objects may then be utilized to manage the associated datum of the legacy data without manipulating the legacy data directly. *See* Specification, paragraph 0051.

By contrast, MacLeod is drawn to a directory schema which is a collection of content classes and associations that abstract tangible or intangible items. *See* MacLeod, abstract and paragraph 0022.

Similarly in contrast to claim 1, portions of VanDusen appear to teach content management of content items in a website through the use of metadata. *See* VanDusen, paragraph 0078. VanDusen teaches that when content items are added to a system, users apply category metadata to the content items in the system and this metadata appears to be used to develop profiles for users which may be used to personalize content and product information shown to the users. *See* VanDusen, paragraph 0080. It appears implicit in the teaching of VanDusen that content items are added to and managed at the same system. For example, paragraph 0074 of VanDusen states:

> Once a company moves to managing its core content and commerce assets in a
> common repository, it becomes dramatically easier to index and search that content.

Thus, it appears in the system of VanDusen, content management is performed on content items in a common repository.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited portions of MacLeod and VanDusen do not teach managing legacy data residing in a legacy repository external to the content management system through the use of content type objects such that the legacy data does not have to be moved to another repository or re-entered. For at least the above reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 49 and dependent claims 51-52 and 56-59 are nonobvious over the combination of MacLeod and VanDusen. For similar reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 65 and 70 and dependent claim 69 are also nonobvious over the combination of MacLeod and VanDusen. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 53-55, 60, 66-67 and 71-72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0105770 ("MacLeod") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0208387 ("VanDusen") and further in view of 2004/0187100 ("Thiruvillamalai").

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited portions of Thiruvillamalai do not remedy the above deficiencies set out with regard to the combination of MacLeod and VanDusen. Thus, for at least the above reasons, Applicant submits that claims 53-55, 60, 66-67 and 71-72 are nonobvious over the combination of MacLeod, VanDusen and Thiruvillamalai. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 68 and 73 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0105770 ("MacLeod") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0208387 ("VanDusen") and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0161734 ("Knutson").

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited portions of Knutson do not remedy the above deficiencies set out with regard to the combination of MacLeod and VanDusen. More particularly, and in addition, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited portions of Knutson cannot be combined with MacLeod and VanDusen to teach a method or system in which legacy data residing in a legacy database external to a content management system is managed by the content management system through the use of content type objects such that the legacy data does not have to be moved to another repository or re-entered. At most, the cited portions of Knutson teach the existence of legacy databases: nothing in the cited portion of Knudson teaches or suggests managing data in a legacy database through the use of content type objects such that the legacy data does not have to be moved to another repository or re-entered. Applicant respectfully submits that Knutson's acknowledgement of the existence of legacy databases cannot be combined with MacLeod and VanDusen to arrive at the invention claimed by claims 68 and 73. Thus, for at least the above reasons, Applicant submits that claims 68 and 73 are nonobvious over the combination of MacLeod, VanDusen and Knutson. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.
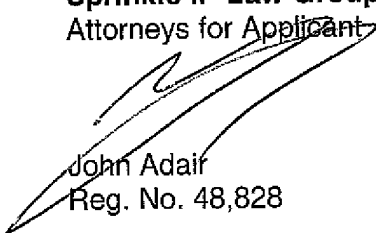
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his rejections of claims 49, 65 and 70 and the respective dependant claims. Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. Other than as explicitly set forth above, this reply does not include an acquiescence to statements, assertions, assumptions, conclusions, or any combination thereof in the Office Action. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of claims 49, 51-60 and 65-73. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below for discussing an Examiner's Amendment or any suggested actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

An extension of two (2) months is requested and a Notification of Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 with the appropriate fee is enclosed herewith.

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